

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Senator Gore is ill in a Washington hospital.

Buffalo Bill has been taken to a Denver specialist in a critical condition.

Of 61 babies born in Nashville the first week in January, all but 18 were boys.

Now that the moon has hid her face at night, what are the rest of us going to about things we have to look at in the day time.

Capt. Selvos, one of the Englishmen who hunted with Col. Roosevelt in 1908, has been killed in action in East Africa.

A Chicago street car conductor punched with such care that he left an estate of \$500,000. He invested his savings in real estate.

Prof. Frank W. Taussig, of Harvard, has accepted a place on the tariff commission. The four other members have not been named.

Senator Chilton, Dem., will contest the election of his Rep. opponent, Howard Sutherland, in West Virginia, before the Senate, on the grounds of gross frauds.

Russia hasn't tried very hard to keep Rumania from being overrun. The allies evidently want the Balkan states in a condition not to be troublesome when the peace parading begins.

In all of the States the electors met yesterday to cast their vote for president. Unless there is some hitch Wilson will have 277 and Hughes 254, the Republicans losing one elector in West Virginia.

The claims of the rival governors in Arizona will be passed upon by the Supreme Court this week and in the meanwhile the organization of the State legislature is delayed. Both Hunt and Campbell are preparing to submit messages to the Assembly.

Five hundred gallons of whisky seized in a raid at Girard, Ala., and stored in a warehouse was syphoned out by a rubber tube, through a hole in the wall, by some one who gained access to the room. At any rate that's the way the watchman said the barrels happened to be found empty.

Nicifero Zambrano, Carranza's treasurer, in a statement in New York says he looks for an early settlement of border difficulties, while John Hames, who has reopened Villa headquarters in New York, says the bandit has 14,000 men, and will soon "restore order in Northern Mexico."

Sherman, Texas, has a lawsuit that raises a suspicion that Red Parrish has been out of town. A man named A. W. Smith has sued the Katy Railroad for \$5,000 damages, because while a passenger on a train a fat man weighing 250 pounds crowded into the seat beside him, musing up his clothes and overshadowing him to the amount sued for.

A Courier-Journal poll shows that members of the legislature are anxious to be called together in special session. Of 36 interviewed, all but one want to meet and the exception was non-committal. Of 35 county judges, 17 said yes, 18 no and 5 were non-committal. Of 34 newspapers, 15 were favorable, 20 unfavorable and 9 non-committal.

Philadelphia's woman murder mystery remains as unsolved as the Helen Cannell mystery here Nov. 28. The dead body of Mazie Colbert, an artist's model, was found in her room, with a silk stocking tied around her throat and confusions on her head. In looking up her various male friends, one of them, Bernard W. Lewis, when the police knocked on his door at Atlantic City, committed suicide. The detectives have accepted this as conclusive evidence of his guilt, but a friend of Lewis has produced a letter written Dec. 17, telling him he intended to commit suicide to end his troubles.

CELEBRATES  
HALF CENTURY

Peter Morgan, Who Was For 35 Years Employed at State Hospital.

## CONFEDERATE SERVANT

At Battle of Gettysburg Bore His Wounded Master From The Battlefield.

Yesterday was an eventful day with "Uncle" Peter Morgan, aged 74, the sexton of the Cave Spring colored cemetery. Fifty years ago, Jan. 8, Peter came from Virginia to Hopkinsville bearing a letter of recommendation from Gen. Robert E. Lee, who testified as to his personal knowledge of his courage and good character. It told how Peter as the body servant of an officer under Gen. Lee had been with the Confederate army throughout the war. At the battle of Gettysburg, his young master was wounded and Peter bore him from the battlefield in his arms. He was an eyewitness of Pickett's immortal charge in that decisive battle of the war. When this letter was presented to Dr. James Rodman, who was at that time Superintendent of the Western Kentucky Hospital, he read it over and said: "Any negro with a letter like that from Gen. Lee can get a job under me." He immediately gave him employment and he remained a trusted employe of the Hospital for 33 years, always faithful, honest and reliable. He was given different positions of responsibility in that time and retained his place until 1899, long after Dr. Rodman had retired. Later he served as janitor of one of the city schools, but a few years ago returned to the Hospital under Superintendent Sights for a period of two years, at a time when experienced men were needed. This enabled him to round out 35 years as an employe of the institution. During the 15 years that he was not thus been employed, he has filled other places of trust and responsibility. In 1912, when the city of Hopkinsville opened the new cemetery for the colored people, Peter was made sexton upon the recommendation of the Mayor at that time, Chas. M. Meacham, who had been a former president of the board of Commissioners of the Hospital and knew of his good character and of the esteem in which Dr. Rodman had held him. This position he has held through two succeeding administrations and the small salary paid to him is supplemented by the income from the cultivation of the unplatted portion of the cemetery grounds. He has accumulated some property and has a comfortable living in his old age. He is now 74 years of age, but is still active, alert and vigorous in both body and mind.

He called at the Hospital yesterday, bearing letters of recommendation from some of his white friends to Dr. Fred G. La Rue, the present superintendent, who gave him the freedom of the grounds, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his arrival at the Hospital.

## BLEW HIMSELF UP.

Lewis D. Watson, a passenger on a Southern train near Birmingham went into the lavatory and produced a nitroglycerine explosion that killed himself and killed one man and injured four others in the smoking compartment. Only fragments of Watson were found.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Robert Lee Bellamy, aged 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bellamy, was operated on for appendicitis at the Jennie Stuart Hospital, Friday.

## OPEN SESSION.

The Knights of Pythias are preparing for an open session Friday night with plenty to eat and a program of speeches.

VILLA WHIPPED  
BY MURGUIA

Carranza Reports Say Rebel Loss Was 1,500 Dead, Wounded and Captured.

## PANCHE LED ATTACKS

Headed Cavalry Charges Which Were Stopped by the Machine Guns.

Chihuahua, Mex., Jan. 5.—Villa was defeated at Jimenez yesterday by Gen. Francisco Murguia with a loss of 1,500 rebels dead, wounded and captured.

The rebel leader Martin Lopez and another Villa general were among the slain, according to an official report tonight from the Carranza commander.

Villa was said to be fleeing toward El Valle.

Gen. Murguia says that his command pushed back Villa's troops five miles after coming in contact.

Machine guns are credited with playing an important part in the offensive in which both cavalry and infantry were heavily engaged.

## VILLA LED CHARGES

Villa, according to the report, personally led repeated cavalry attacks against Murguia's infantry which were checked with heavy losses.

Besides Villa's heavy losses in men, horses, ammunition, arms and other war material, Gen. Murguia claims the recovery of many carloads of the loot brought by the Villa troops from Torreon. Government cavalry is said to have killed about 50 members of Villa's body guard which was protecting him in his escape by automobile.

## TO KEEP UP PURSUIT

Gen. Murguia advised his subordinates here that he intended to keep up a hot pursuit as Villa's forces are badly disorganized. The general directed the retreat of the scattered band toward Parral, where he said he expected them to make a stand.

The casualties of the government troops are put at 100, among them several of the higher officers.

Jimenez is 150 miles south of Chihuahua.

B. F. JOHNSON  
DEAD AT 84

Blood Poison From a Bunion The Cause of His Death.

Mr. Benjamin F. Johnson, one of the oldest men in the city, died at his home on Eighteenth street, Saturday, aged 84 years. The cause of his death was blood poison caused from a bunion on his foot, the poison gradually spreading through his body.

Mr. Johnson came to this city several years ago from the neighborhood of Johnson's Mill, in the extreme northern part of the county, not far from White Plains, where he owned much property. His body was taken to his old home Sunday for interment.

He was a member of the Universalist church and his funeral was conducted by Rev. Thomas Chapman. He is survived by his aged wife and four children, C. W. Johnson, Mrs. L. M. Moore and Mrs. Claude Twyman, of this city, and C. M. Johnson, of Madisonville.

## CASE DISMISSED.

In the case of Buckner vs. Buckner, executor, from Christian, a motion to dismiss appeal was sustained by the Court of Appeals and the case was dismissed.

## English Bid Lowest.

Despite the European war, an English firm submitted the lowest bid for sixteen and fourteen-inch projectiles for the Navy Department.

STATE VETS  
TOMORROW

Annual Election of Officers Will Be One of the Features.

## ABOUT FIFTY EXPECTED

Commissioner of Agriculture Cohen is On the Program.

The Kentucky State Veterinary Association, with a membership of 100, will hold its semi-annual meeting here to-morrow, at Hotel Latham.

Dr. Alex Harthill, of Louisville, who enjoys the distinction of being the first graduate veterinary south of the Ohio river, is the President, and Dr. Westmoreland, of Owensboro, is Secretary. About 50 members are expected to be present. Commissioner of Agriculture Matt S. Cohen is an honorary member and will be present and read a paper.

Dr. G. P. Isbell and Dr. R. L. Bradley, the local veterinarians, are looking after the visitors.

Dr. Isbell will be the host at a luncheon to the visitors at noon tomorrow, at Hotel Latham.

The body will be in session one day.

Annual officers will be elected.

DOCTORS IN  
A TRUST

New York Physicians Put Up Prices of Calls—High Cost of Gasoline.

New York, Jan. 8.—A new schedule of physicians' fees showing consistent advances was recommended today by the Bronx County Medical society. Hereafter no free medical advice will be given over the telephone.

Conversation with a physician over the wire on non-medical topics is permitted, but if the question, for instance of the baby's latest ailment is injected, a bill for \$1 will be forthcoming. If the physician called to attend one member of a family and some one casually inquires about the symptoms of another member, an extra charge will be made.

Under the new schedule night calls or emergency calls by day, will be charged for at the rate of \$4 each. If the physician is asked to leave the office before his accustomed time the charge will be \$3. Ordinary calls in day visiting hours will be \$2 each and visits to the physicians office will cost the patient \$1 each.

The high price of automobile fuel is given as the main reason for the advance in fees.

IS TO WORK  
IN LOUISVILLE

Prof. H. G. Brownell Resigns Chair At Russellville To Join Belknap Co.

Russellville, Ky., Jan. 8.—Prof. H. G. Brownell, who has filled the chair of president of Bethel College for three years, has tendered his resignation, effective January 15. He goes from here to Louisville where he has accepted a position in the mechanical engineering department of Belknap Hardware and Manufacturing Company.

## DAVE A GOOD GUESSER.

Representative David H. Kincheloe in a statement Friday night, declared that in his opinion, there is no print paper shortage, but that there is a combination of paper manufacturers to put up the price of print paper.

ELECTORS  
CAST VOTE

Another Step Taken Towards Registering The Will of The People.

## ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Convened Yesterday and Voted For Wilson and Marshall's Election.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 8.—The Democratic electors convened here today and cast their votes for Wilson and Marshall for President and Vice President.

The electors are James P. Edwards, Louisville, and Frank Hopkins, Prestonsburg, State-at-large; Rainey T. Wells, Murray, First congressional district; James B. Allensworth, Hopkinsville, Second district; S. W. Forgy, Elkton, Third district; L. Frank Withers, Elizabethtown, Fourth district; James Quarles, Louisville, Fifth district; Lewis J. Widrig, Newport, Sixth district; Dennis Dundon, Paris, Seventh district; L. B. Herrington, Richmond, Eighth district; A. O. Carter, Louisa, Ninth district; David Hayes, Whitesburg, Tenth district; Zeb A. Stewart, Harlan, Eleventh district.

They met at 10 o'clock and were sworn by Chief Justice Settle and balloted at noon.

The returns of their balloting will be transmitted to the President of the Senate and to United States District Judge A. M. J. Cochran, of this district. One copy of the returns, in a sealed envelope, will be mailed to the President of the Senate, another will be carried to him by messenger.

KENTUCKIAN  
REAR ADMIRAL

Capt. Hugh Rodman Among Eleven Elected—Wilson Approves List.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The first navy promotions under the new selective system of advancement were announced today when President Wilson approved recommendations of the selection board that eleven captains be made Rear Admirals and that more than a hundred lower officers be advanced in grade.

Those chosen to become Rear Admirals are Capt. Harry S. Knapp, William L. Rogers, Harry McL. P. Huse, George W. McElroy, Robert S. Griffin, George E. Burd, James H. Oliver, John Hood, William S. Sims, Hugh Rodman and Henry B. Wilson. Among the number are several who were far down on the seniority list and who would not have reached promotions for several years at least under the old system of advancement by seniority.

## IMMEDIATE NOMINATIONS.

On the board's promotion list approved by the President are twenty-nine commanders who are to become captains and seventy-seven lieutenant commanders to become commanders. In these grades, too, many officers eligible for advancement by seniority were passed over. In all cases the selection board, which is composed of nine Rear Admirals, held exhaustive merit examinations before making recommendations.

## Tumulty's Irish Up.

Representative Wood, of Indiana, before the House Rules Committee, brought in the names of Joseph Tumulty, secretary to the President, and Mr. Bolling, a brother-in-law of President Wilson, in connection with the alleged "leak" of information concerning the President's peace note, by which it is charged that certain brokers profited. Secretary Tumulty has demanded a public apology of Representative Wood for use of his name.

RUSSIANS  
PUSH BACK

Successful Resistance and Attack on Sixteen Mile Front.

## QUIET ON OTHER FRONTS

Berlin Admits Gain at One Point But Declares Were Repulsed Elsewhere.

Although the Teutonic allies have made further advances in Rumania, both in their operations driving eastward from the mountain region and northward from Wallachia into Moldavia, the Russians and Rumanians at various points are giving them battle and at several places have met with success.

Between Fokshani and Fundent, the Russians made a strong attack over a front of about 16 miles. They gained ground near Obilechti, says the German war office, but elsewhere were repulsed with heavy casualties. The Petrograd official communication, however, says the Russians re-established their former position near Kaptano, northwest of Fokshani, made an advance in the vicinity of Rasputz lake, and in a surprise attack captured trenches to the northwest in the Ostoz valley.

Mount Adobesti was stormed by a German detachment and captured.

On the northern end of the Russian line in Courland, the Russians knocked strong attacks near Mitau, but were repulsed, suffering casualties and losing 1,300 men, made prisoners, according to Berlin. Near Riga considerable fighting still is in progress. In the other war theaters, bombardments and small enterprises by reconnoitering and raiding parties have featured the fighting. Rome reports an advance of about 500 yards by the Italians near Hill 208 during a surprise attack. In Macedonia the British endeavored again to push forward their line near the Lake Doiran, but failed, according to Berlin.

TWO DOCTORS  
DROP DEAD

One Found on Roadside; Other Victim of Apoplexy in Home of Patient.

Cadiz, Ky., Jan. 8.—Two doctors of this county died suddenly today.

Dr. J. M. Skaggs, 60, was found dead in his buggy this morning near the home of W. A. Thomas, 9 miles south of here. He had left his home to answer a professional call.

Dr. C. M. Gobe, 61, dropped dead of apoplexy just as he entered the home of Phil Thompson, three miles south of here.

Dr. Skaggs had practiced here for thirty-five years. He is survived by a wife and daughter in Paducah.

Dr. Gobe, who served as assistant physician at the penitentiary for several years and had been in this county for fifteen years, is survived by his second wife and several children. He will be buried in Frankfort beside his first wife.

## ONE FROM CHRISTIAN.

Among the prisoners paroled by the Board of Prison Commissioners last week was Jerry Jefferson, sent from this county from two to four years, on a charge of uttering a forged check.

## Solves Mystery.

Capt. Tate, of the Philadelphia detectives, announced that the stolen in Atlantic City Thursday of Edward W. Lewis, a wealthy Pittsburgh man, solved the mystery of the murder of Mazie Colbert, art model in her apartments in Philadelphia. An Atlantic City dispatch says the man's suicide is the only evidence against him.